categories of works/jobs to contractors through Job/Service contracts with complete responsibilities for performance of either specialized services or low-tech jobs and has not awarded any contract for performance of jobs prohibited by the Ministry of Labour.

IPI pipeline deal

809. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's stand now on the India-Pakistan-Iran pipeline deal in the current scenario, post 26/11 attack;

(b) whether the deal includes insurance against disruption of gas supplies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Energy security is an important policy objective of the Government. Government remains committed to the IPI gas pipeline and other projects, which are financially viable and in which security of supply is assured. Government is seeking long-term viability of the Project on the basis of equal sharing of risks and benefits of the Project.

(b) Agreements relating to the Project have not yet been finalized. While signing the agreements, it will be ensured that the agreements have adequate safeguard against disruption of gas supply.

(c) and (d) Do not arise, in view of (b) above.

LPG supply in Uttarakhand

†810. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of LPG being supplied in Uttarakhand every year by Government; and

(b) the total number of LPG connections at present in the country and the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have supplied 130 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT), 136 TMT and 104 TMT of domestic LPG in the State of Uttarakhand during the year 2006-07, 2007-08 and April, 2008 to December, 2008 respectively.

(b) As on 01.01.2009, OMCs are serving 1047.726 lakh LPG customers in the country. The State-wise details are given in the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.